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SUBJECT: SADAT:CRONKITE INTERVIEW

1. ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS TEXT CRONKITE INTERVIEW WITH SADAT. LOCAL PRESS JUNE 23 FEATURES STORY EMPHASIZING SADAT REMARKS ON ISRAELI TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND GOE INTENTION ASK US FOR \$2 BILLION COMPENSATION FOR 7 YEAR LOSS OF ABU RUDAIS OIL REVENUES.

2. ACCORDING TO TEXT RELEASED HERE, SADAT NOTED CONGRESS PROVIDED ISRAEL WITH \$2.2 BILLION AID "IN ONE WEEK", AND SAID HE EXPECTS SIMILAR SUM FOR "ECONOMIC AID, INVESTMENT, AND ALL SHPERES OF WORK TOGETHER". THIS YEAR HE EXPECTS ONLY \$250 MILLION, BUT NOTED" EVERY YEAR I LOSE \$300 MILLION FROM MY OIL WHICH
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IS BEING EXPLOITED BY ISRAELIS IN SINAI". SEVEN YEARS' LOSS

MAKES ABOUT \$2 BILLION. "I AM GOING TO ASK FOR IT ALSO."
ASKED IF HE HAD DISCUSSEL THIS WITH PRESIDENTNIXON, HE SAID
NO, BUT HE WILL DO SO. "I AM TELLING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
BEFORE I TELL THE PRESIDENT".

3. NOTING DAILY TELEHRAPH STORY, CRONKITE ASKED IF EGYPTIAN
INTELLIGENCE CONFIRMS THAT ISRAEL HAS ACQUIRED STOCKPILE OF
TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SADAT REPLIED "YES, TO A CERTAIN
EXTENT"; HE DECLINED TO DICUSS POSSIBILITY OF GOE ATTEMPTING
TO ACHIEV PARITY WITH ISRAEL IN THIS FIELD.

4. GUMHURIYYA'S EDITORIAL JUNE 24 ENDORSES EGYPT'S "RIGHT" TO
FAIR COMPENSATION FOR HER LOSSES OF \$300 MILLION ANNUALLY.
" IT IS TIME ISRAEL AND THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTEDIT SHOULD PAY
THAT PRICE AND EGYPTS WELLS SHOULD RETURN TO EGYPTIAN PEOPLE".
AHRAM AND AKHBAR EDITORIASL JUNE 24 ALSO COMMENT ON SADAT
INTERVIEW, WARNING THAT ARAB NATION IS SCIENTIFICALLY AND
ECONOMICALLY CAPABLE OF JOINING NUCLEAR POWERS. AHRAM SAYS
ANY FUTURE WAR TOUCHED OFF BY CONTINUOUS ISRAELI ARROGANCE WILL
HAVE "NUCLEAR DIMENSION".
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